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(c) the number of

(i) first appeals,

(ii) second appeals,

(iii) civil miscellaneous appeals,

(iv) civil revision petitions,

(v) original side appeals,

(vi) city civil court appeals,

(vii) writ petitions,

(viii) writ appeals, and

(ix) original suits,

instituted after 1st July 1954 and before 1st March 1955;

(d) how many of the cases referred to in clause (c) above in each category have been disposed of between 1st July 1954 and 1st March 1955; and

(e) the annual income and expenditure relating to the High Court, Madras, from 1953–54 up to date?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) to (e) A statement[a] containing the particulars asked for has been printed and placed on the table of the House."

Teaching of Sanskrit in Middle and High Schools

*317 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of Middle and High Schools (for boys and girls) in the State that had provision for the teaching of Sanskrit in the school-years 1952–53 and 1953–54; and

(b) the total number of Sanskrit Pandits employed in such schools in each of these years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Two hundred and sixty-four High Schools during 1952–53 and two hundred and seventy-four High Schools during 1953–54, had provision for teaching of Sanskrit. Separate information in respect of middle schools is not available.

" (b) Two hundred and ninety-eight Sanskrit Pandits during 1952–53 and 296 Pandits during 1953–54, were employed."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that as Sanskrit has been abolished in many of the District Board Schools in this State and especially in the middle schools, there has been a great fall in the strength and consequently there has been termination of service of these Pandits? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" From the figures available here there has been an increase from 1952–53 in 1953–54 from 264 to 274. I do not have the figures with reference to 1954–55 and 1955–56. But I am not aware of Sanskrit being abolished in any particular school."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 171–172 infra.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" As Sanskrit is begun in the middle schools and as it has been represented to me and as I know from my personal knowledge that a number of Sanskrit Pandits have to go out of these schools, will the Government kindly consider prescribing the appointment of at least one Sanskrit Pandit in each high school and each middle school? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It depends upon the demand by the students to learn Sanskrit. We cannot simply appoint pandits when there is no demand for it."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" The policy just adumbrated by the Government is discouraging Sanskrit to a little extent. May I point out to the Government that on account of the scientific knowledge and other treasures that we have to derive from Sanskrit, it is but the duty of the Government to sanction at least one Sanskrit Pandit as in the case of Hindi? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have not discouraged the learning of Sanskrit. It all depends upon the students themselves and the parents themselves to a certain extent, and if there is no demand, we cannot create a demand for that."

Announcement by Government regarding shortened B.T. course

* 318 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government when inviting applications to the first shortened B.T. course conducted at Saidapet in 1949 announced through a press note that candidates undergoing that course would be eligible to be Headmasters of High Schools;

(*b*) whether at any time subsequently such announcement was modified and orders issued with regard to the subsequent shortened courses that shortened B.Ts. could not be Headmasters of High Schools; and

(*c*) if so, whether the candidates who underwent training as per the Government's first announcement have been exempted from the operation of the subsequent rule?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No modified orders were issued. The Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet, seems to have published in the December 1953 issue of the ' New Education ' that the holders of the Collegiate Teacher's Certificate were not considered eligible to hold the post of Headmasters of High Schools. What the Principal appears to have published in the ' New Education ' is not correct and he is being asked to issue a correction.

" (*c*) No management has applied for exemption on behalf of any candidate."